

ICHAEL Oberstein was a Jew-Polish Jew,

the amount which it was necessary She knew nothing, she said. he should have to pass the Emigration Bureau inspectors.

over east to Hester Street, where right to it. row, greasy doorway of a tenement.

shops, semi starvation, intense heat, biting cold, bondage, oppression, pauper wages, expatriation, loneliness, and-bitter mockerylove. He bore it as the race alone can bear. He toiled and studied as only a Jew studies and toils. He saved money.

Another year of the same nightlightened only by a ghostly glimmer of hope, made as naught by

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had been employed as a closk was already engaged by the other model.

A few days later

up stairs in the house. He Oberstein. knocked at a door on the first. It was the year 1893. Business handed her something, spoke a The list of failing banks and busifew words in Yiddish, and went ness firms increased every day.

MICHAEL OBERSTEIN, IEW. bill. Sometimes it was one dollar, sometimes two, but more All this bad taken months, and often the smaller amount.

what many con where the food had come-the careworn. sider the worst bread, meat, fish, and on rare ockind of a Jew; a casions, fruit. She thought she by heroic struggles, met them, a knew who sent the money. Only only to find in each case that they Polack. In ad illness and the needs of her child were indersed on the back by dition, he was made her accept it. Any way, it transfers to Michael Oberstein. It poor - miserably was but right that he should con- seemed a pursuing nemesis. It had taken his last copeck tribute to the child's support. to pay for the temporary loan of The old woman kept her word. next morning Fanwood & Co's.

crowd of his compatriots the and once a ten dollar bill. She young lad was herded, shuffling, would have choked on food pur- a tooth," so saith the Hebra'c law. with pack on back, up Broadway, chased by it. The child had a The letter was signed with the

Street Michael Oberstein was for not knowing how he had ever ingotten. The girl had forgotten jured this man. He wrote, ask-A year-a nightmare of sweat him long before. One day the en- ing that it might be explained. velope contained fifty dollars. M. In his mail the next morning was Oberstein, the police court law- an envelope addressed in the same yer, had won his first case the day hand, containing a sheet of paper before. The girl, the woman now, on which was written the single laid the bill carefully away. It word, "Rosie." Fanwood reshould be for her boy's education. membered.

She still lived in the same The morning papers of the next house, still worked, still refused day announced the death, by his to spend a cent of the money for own hand, of Henry Fanwood, of mare, the same in all its horrors, her own needs. Her boy should the firm of Fanwood & Co. Busi-

rabbi's daughter. It was a mole for breach of contract by one of cide. That afternoon a man aspiring to a butterfly. But the mole was a Jew. The plaintiff's called at the flat where Fanlawyer was a Jew by the name of wood's wife and children lived, Oberstein. Fanwood & Co. lost and said that he had been instrucor, if she guessed at it, scorned it as it was a small matter, as it was but right and natural of little moment to that wealthy that a butterfly should scorn a firm; but it was a beginning. The By whom? The man was not pendulum had begun to swing. at liherty to say. One day the colony was scan. In the next five years Fanwood & The funeral was one in full dalized, horified. Bearded men Co. found that they were being sued a number of times. The ma- mer financial standing. What nous shakes of their heads; jority of the cases were small, shaweled women with shrill, sharp petty. The majority of the cases voices and despiteful words. One went against them. It was anamong them all said nothing; noying. Almost without excepfichael Oberstein.

The rabbi's daughter had run

Jew named Oberstein. They be.

The young rabbi himself thought away. That was bad enough. gan to notice this fact. Fanwood Oberstein, which had brought him a gentile, a Christian. His name firm. Henry Fanwood sent for there, strange and inexplicable. was Henry Fanwood, of the firm Lawyer Oberstein to conduct their of Fanwood & Co., where Rosie case. The lawyer declined. He

The rabbi's lamentations were Fanwood & Co. asked Lawyer many and long over this crowning Oberstein to take charge of the diagrace. He tore his beard, and next of their now frequent law- her advantage. She was there cast ashes upon his head. No one suits. He declined. The Grand told that a client of theirs, "an thought of Michael Oberstein. Jury indicted several firms for old friend of your husband," de-Another year pa sed. Michael violation of the factory law. sired to pay a long outstanding Oberstein began to make nightly, Among them was Fanwood & Co. debt. The amount was twenty secret visits to a tenement in, if The other firms escaped with light thousand dellars, in a check it were possible, a still more mis- sentences. Fanwood & Co. were drawn by Donaldson & Adams. erable district than the one in heavily fined. The prosecutor No, they were unable to disclose which he lived. He never went was Assistant District Attorney their client's name. For various

floor; an old woman opened it, he throughout the country was bad. back to his own ant hill. Only The Mineteenth National Bank now he worked harder, slept less. held Fanwood & Co's. note for Operatein, Jew. One day Michael Oberstein dis- twenty thousand dollars, due July appeared from the colony, and to lstr On July 5, the president of the old woman, instead of his vists, came letters. The old woman the bank's lawyer, Michael Ober- tive booklet just issued by the Passen- ing on destination. Tickets good for climbed the long flights of stairs stein. Henry Fanwood asked for ger Department of the Southern Rail- return leaving destination until and inand gave the letters, as she had an interview with the president, way. It is beautifully illustrated and M. & O. rallroad Agent for tickets and

f heavy paper and, folded in it, a against Fanwood & Co. for the ger Agent, Chattanooga, Tenn.

amount of the note. By mortg ing some real estate Henry Fanwood met the note, and the suit was discontinued.

Henry Fanwood was the owner of various real estate properties throughout the city, most of which were heavily mortgaged. These mortgages became due one after the other during this fateful year. Fanwood, already heavily involved through the firm's interests, was unable to meet them. He asked for extensions, and in each case found that the mortgage had been transferred by the original mortgagee to Michael Oberstein.

He applied to the latter, asking for time in which to settle, and was answered by immediate foreclosure proceedings, the proper-ties being bought in by the mortgagee. Fanwood made several attempts to see the man who seemed bent on his ruin. Each time Mr. Oberstein was busy and could see no one.

Three fine residence buildings were at last the only real estate remaining to Fanwood. They were held in his wife's name, free of all mortgage or incumbrance. In one of them Fanwood lived. The other two were rented.

One day workmen started to tear down the adjoining buildings on either side. In their places were reared huge, cheap tenements. Fanwood's protests were unheeded. His property materially depreciated in value. The tenants moved away, and the two houses remained empty. Business became worse and worse.

Fanwood was forced to dispose of the three houses at a sacrifice below their original cost. They were purchased by Judge Oberstein. The cheap tenements were torn down and houses in keeping with the neighborhood erected. during those months Henry Fan-The girl had not known from wood aged rapidly, grew thin and

More notes fell due. Fanwood,

Another note was due. The doors were closed, the name added e should have to pass the Emi-ration Bureau inspectors.

The girl grew well again, but to the long list of failures. The same day Henry Fanwood re-now contained an occasional five, ceived a letter which read:

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for name of Michael Oberstein.

So five years passed. In Hester Fanwood was puzzled over this

be a rabbi, like his grandfather. ness troubles were thought to Fanwood & Co. were being sned have been the cause of the sui-

was by some considered rather peculiar was the attendance of a young rabbi, from a synagogue in Hester Street; a Jewish priest at What Michael Oberstein thought about the matter was not known

A few days later Mrs. Fanwood received a letter asking her to call on the legal firm of Donaldson & Adams, to learn of something to reasons, which they were not at liberty to explain, he had instructed them that he did not care to toth. To Cincinnati, Ohio, Louisville, have it known.

That night, as he slept, there "Winter Homes in Summer Lands"

The above is the tittle of an attrache things, to a young girl.

In the letters there was no writing, no name. Just a blank sheet on July 8, suit was brought neg, no name. Just a blank sheet on July 8, suit was brought ger Agent, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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